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Councilmember Lightner Nominates Marshall Merrifield for Port Commission

SAN DIEGO --- San Diego Councilmember Sherri Lightner yesterday formally nominated Marshall Merrifield to the San Diego Unified Port District Board of Commissioners. Merrifield is the President of Clark Security Products, the nation's largest wholesale distributor and installer of commercial security hardware, and the President of General Lock, a major import lock manufacturer.

"I nominated Marshall Merrifield because he is committed to making our port a working port, and he understands port business, critical security issues and the need for the Port to function efficiently in both its financial and daily operations in order to become a leading driver of San Diego's economic progress," said Lightner.

"Marshall has a proven record of successfully managing large companies while balancing the importance of competitive wages and health care," Lightner added.

Lightner sent a memo yesterday to Council President Ben Hueso nominating Merrifield. In her memo, she stated, "Mr. Merrifield understands port issues from many different angles. He is a leader in the security industry on a national level and an expert on global supply chain issues."

"I am honored to be nominated by Councilmember Lightner," said Merrifield. "I believe that we need to fully maximize our assets to work for our local economy and the residents of San Diego. If I am appointed to the Port Commission, I am committed to making our port a working port that is efficient, a partner with business and residents, and is internationally competitive."

In addition to Merrifield's experience of working with 350 employees at General Lock, Councilmember Lightner highlighted his experience with homeland security issues, as he was a

founding sponsor of the Security Network, which is a non-profit organization seeking to build a network of public and private organizations in San Diego around homeland security solutions. He is also the Chairman and Co-founder of BlueWave Security, a leading security company in the nation.

The nomination is to fill the vacancy on the Port Commission and complete the remaining term of Laurie Black. The term will expire on January 2, 2013.

Sherri Lightner is the Councilmember for Council District One of the City of San Diego, which includes the communities of Carmel Valley, Del Mar Mesa, La Jolla, Pacific Highlands Ranch, Rancho Penasquitos, Torrey Hills, Torrey Highlands, Torrey Pines, and University City. She took office December 8, 2008.

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